

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WELFARE-TO-WORK

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TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS
WELFARE-TO-WORK 15 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
DOL WELFARE-TO-WORK 25 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF
EDD EXECUTIVE STAFF
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SUBJECT: SECTION 604a OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify the Welfare-to-Work Grant subcontract sectarian activities certification and the "charitable choice" provisions of Section 604a of Title 42 of the *United State Code*. There are concerns among some program operators that the "charitable choice" provisions are contrary to their subgrant agreements.

Subrecipients certify that they will not use their subgrants to advance, aid, or support any sectarian purpose or institution. Section 604a allows sectarian institutions to receive WtW funding on the same basis as any other non-governmental provider as long as the funds are not used for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization.

For example, placing an individual in a work experience position as a receptionist at a church does not violate the separation of church and state or the freedom of religion as long as the provisions under 604a are observed. As long as the work experience position is training the individual as a receptionist and does not involve religious instruction, worship, or proselytization, it is an allowable activity.

If you have any questions, please contact Georganne Pintar Baldwin, Manager, Local Policy Guidance Unit, at (916) 654-7611.

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